

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
	:	
v.	:	CRIMINAL DOCKET CASE #:
	:	1:20-CR-00126-LMM-JSA
THOMAS ADDAQUAY	:	

**MOTION TO PARTICIPATE IN VOIR DIRE**

COMES NOW, the Defendant THOMAS ADDAQUAY, by and through undersigned counsel, and requests that this court, pursuant to Rule 24(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, permit his attorneys to participate in the voir dire examination in this case.

Courts repeatedly have recognized the importance of a defense attorney's participation in voir dire in order to insure the defendant a more effective jury selection process. *United States v. Libel*, 630 F.2d 389, 194-395 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1980).

A defendant has a constitutional right to a fair and impartial trial. The use of peremptory challenges to select a fair and impartial jury is one of the most important rights an accused has. *Pointer v. United States*, 151 U.S. 396 (1894); *United States v. Martinez-Salazar*, 528 U.S. 304, 311 (2000). In order to insure the effectiveness of these peremptory challenges, Defendant respectfully requests that

this Court grant his request to have his attorneys participate in the voir dire examination.

Respectfully Submitted, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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